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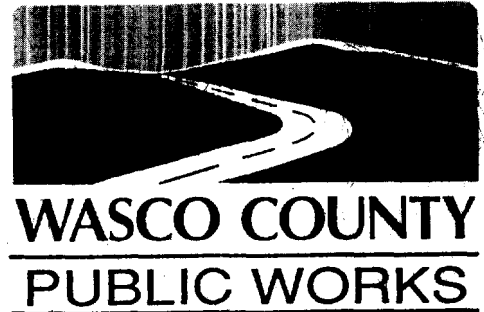
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Federal Communication Commission
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RE: Comments on Docket 92-235

Wasco County is concerned about the impact FCC Docket 92-235 may have on Public Works and Public Safety radio users. Docket 92-235 may seriously affect Wasco County's Public Works communications, Sheriff communications, and Emergency Response systems.

Wasco County's objections are as follows:

1. We understand new radio equipment, which is not compatible with existing frequencies, will be required upon implementation by January 1, 1996. This timetable is too early in light of the fact that this equipment is not currently available.
2. Replacing our current equipment because it is not compatible with the proposed bandwidth requirements is not acceptable. It would cost Wasco County an estimated \$150,000 to replace this equipment, plus additional costs for equipment needed because of the proposed limitations on power.
3. Wasco County is a mountainous county with 2,396 square miles. We already have difficulty communicating to remote areas. It will not be possible to obtain the necessary county-wide coverage for our radio systems with reduced power.

We ask that you delay implementation of this docket indefinitely in rural and/or mountainous regions where crowded radio frequencies are not a problem. In this case, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Additionally, whenever the final product is implemented, a reasonable time frame for implementation needs to be provided so as not to create a negative impact on local government.

Wasco County Public Works


Daniel Boldt, Director

cc: David Yandell, Oregon Emergency Management
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